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Around 46 BBMP Marshals were tested for covid on Friday

Check the crowd

After 2 marshals at KR Market test positive, all eyes on marketplaces; BBMP ups random testing at all market areas

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With a few police personnel testing positive in KR Market, the BBMP has increased testing at all marketplaces in the city and on Friday, vendors and shopkeepers at KR Market were asked to undergo tests.

Around 46 BBMP marshals took the RT-PCR test on Friday after two marshals deployed in KR Market tested positive, said BBMP Chief Marshal Rajbir Singh. He said that marshals deployed in densely populated areas have been asked to take more precautions while imposing covid appropriate behaviour.

He said, "Around 22 marshals were deployed in KR Market. It is difficult to manage the crowd in the City Market and so we have deployed more personnel, despite which it is not possible to enforce social distancing. Though our staff wear double masks and maintain distance from the public, two have been infected as there is too much crowding in the market." He explained that most street vendors don't wear masks in the early morning and as there is a nip in the air, many have a cough or the sniffles. "As our marshals have to interact with them to educate and impose fines, they are vulnerable to getting infected. We shifted the two marshals to a covid care centre in Hebbal and as a precautionary measure. The remaining 20 marshals in KR Market, 10 in Kalasipalya market, four in Madiwala Market and 10 in Russel Market were asked to undergo RT PCR tests and the results are awaited," he said.

> **"It is difficult to manage the crowd at City Market so we have deployed more personnel**
> –Rajbir Singh, BBMP Chief Marshal

Dr Balasundar AS, chief health officer, BBMP, said that on Thursday evening around 40 street vendors had given their swabs for testing and another 30 shopkeepers on Friday morning along with another 30 police personnel. He said, "The results are awaited. As people are still hesitant to take covid tests, we are trying to educate them to take it. On Saturday too, the vendors at all the markets in the city will be asked to take the tests and we'll start random testing. We have already increased the testing in the city and are focusing more on markets that are crowded. The testing has gone from 70,000 to 82,000 per day."

DCP West, Sanjeev M Patil told Bangalore Mirror that the City Market has a high viral load as a lot of people keep moving in and out with no social distancing. "On Thursday, 14 police personnel from city market police station tested positive for covid and on Friday, two more have tested positive. The total number of police personnel testing positive in West Division has gone up to 27 as of Friday. The primary and secondary contacts of the positive personnel are also being tested," he said.

An official said that due to the spike in number of cases, both city police commissioner Kamal Pant and BBMP commissioner Gaurav Gupta are likely to visit the markets areas on Saturday.

Cops nab rowdy guests at curfew party

Central Crime Branch (CCB) sleuths on Wednesday night gate-crashed a birthday party thrown by a goon organised on the outskirts in Magadi and arrested two guests; rowdy-sheeters accused in a case registered at the Kamakshipalya police station. The duo had been absconding and the cops were tracking them.

As the police had been asked to be more vigilant for adherence to night curfew rules, the party proved to be the goons' undoing.

According to the police, the birthday party was in the honour of notorious rowdy element - Kunigal Giri, infamous for his gang robberies. The party was attended by most of his associates, friends, well-wishers and others whom the cops refer to as budding rowdies. It was organised at a farmhouse cum service apartment in Magadi taluk during the time of night curfew of 10 pm to 5 am. Sources told this newspaper the party was quite grand.

> **Party in Magadi was where police found the two rowdies accused in a case who have been absconding for a while**

On January 4, after the government had announced the imposition of night and weekend curfews, the governor chaired a meeting with the top brass of the state police along with the ADGP Law and Order of the state and all other senior police officials reiterated to them to impose the curfews stringently. As there is an air of protest against the night and weekend curfews by certain stakeholders such as the service industry, it was assumed that the people would take the curfew for granted and would not follow it diligently, and hence the cops will have to strictly enforce the curfew by booking violators under the Disaster Management Act and other appropriate sections.

During the meeting, the cops were also instructed to bound all mischief mongers, rowdy elements and habitual offenders in their respective jurisdictions, who are suspected to cause disruptions during the curfew timings.

— Bellie Thomas

NATION

Rakesh Jhunjhunwala to move into super-luxurious new abode

Billionaire investor Rakesh Jhunjhunwala and family will soon move into their new home. The Big Bull will now live in a 14-storey luxurious palace in the most expensive area of Mumbai, The Times of India reported. Currently, he lives in a two-storey house in an apartment block. But soon his new abode will be in Mumbai's posh Malabar Hill area.

The Times of India quoted sources as saying that Jhunjhunwala's 14-storey bungalow is under construction on BG Kher Marg and the construction work is going on at a rapid pace these days. Earlier, there were 14 flats in this place which were bought by Rakesh and his wife Rekha Jhunjhunwala for Rs 371 crore. Now, a new bungalow is being built by demolishing these flats. A 57-m high building will be built on a total plot of 2,700 square feet.

Prior to this, there was Ridgeway Apartments on this plot. It had 14 flats and parking space. This apartment was previously owned by two private sector banks. Rakesh and Rekha Jhunjhunwala first bought seven of these flats from Standard Chartered Bank in 2013 for Rs 176 crore. Then he bought the remaining apartments from HSBC in 2017 for Rs 195 crore.

According to the building plan submitted to the Municipal Corporation, the 12th floor of the building will be the master floor. The ace investor will be staying here with his wife. The floor will have a large bedroom, separate bathroom, dressing room and a living room. The 11th floor has been planned for their children. Two bedrooms are being built for their children. A large terrace with two bedrooms will also be attached in addition to a balcony, TOI report said.

> **Earlier there were 14 flats in this place which were bought by Rakesh and his wife Rekha Jhunjhunwala for Rs 371 crore**

The fourth floor will be for guests. There will be an L-shaped kitchen. The first, second and third floors will have some mid-size rooms, bathrooms and storage areas. There are plans to build a three-story lobby, a foyer and a football court on the ground floor. The basement is reserved for services and parking. Seven parking slots are being built for this family of five.

Jhunjhunwala's new house will have things like a banquet hall on one floor, swimming pool on one, a gym on one and a home theater on one. The top floor of the building will have 70.24 square meters of conservatory area, re-heating kitchen, pizza counter, good outdoor seating space, vegetable garden, bathroom and an open terrace.

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2022'S FIRST WEEKEND CURFEW KICKS OFF

- All but essential services suspended; travellers, hospital goers have to carry relevant documents
- Many leave ahead of weekend curfew
- The swift blow: Beyond the 1st wave peak
- 107 Omicron cases in Karnataka

City researchers devise mechanism to filter untreated sewage released into waterbodies already on brink

TESTING THE STILLWATERS

CPCB-compliant low-cost solution

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The hard fact is Bengaluru's lakes are choking from untreated sewage flowing in every day.

The waterbodies are on the brink, often catching fire, frothing on the edges with dead fish floating on the surface, and suffocating the residents in the vicinity with unbearable stench.

But, there's hope, we are told.

A group of researchers at the Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and Environment (ATREE), Bengaluru, has come up with a low-cost solution to salvage the polluted waterbodies — a filtering system comprising a bed of gravel and terracotta rubble.

This waste water management system can treat domestic waste water to the discharge standards set by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), before emptying into waterbodies.

Deployed at Sowlkere Lake in Bellandur, the gravel and terracotta rubble beds were used to filter greywater discharged from the surrounding households and restaurants, over a period of one year.

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Lake on fire
Garbage burning near Jaraganahalli-Yelachenahalli Lake area causes a blaze PAGE 6

File photo of smoke billowing from a fire at Bellandur Lake

> "Imagine a number of these systems inside stormwater drains near lakes, especially at hotspots. The point is to have a policy around this system" – Priyanka Jamwal, fellow, ATREE

Coin Tricks

Police warn citizens of scammers on WhatsApp groups offering cryptocurrency trading

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Cyber crooks are luring citizens under the guise of cryptocurrency trading and scamming them by promising high returns.

So, dear Bengalurean, beware of being added to unknown WhatsApp groups that offer crypto trading and investments.

Many people in the city are experiencing their WhatsApp numbers being added to unknown WhatsApp groups with the name BTC — the admin sends out messages about investments in cryptocurrencies asking people to invest. Cyber experts suggested people report and exit such groups immediately if they do not know the admin or any of the members in the group.

Satish*, a resident of Palace Guttahalli, and a private company employee said that in December, he was added to one of the groups where one of the staff from a 'cryptocurrency trading company' messaged him giving him instructions on making investments.

"I spoke to them over the phone; they spoke fluent English. I believed it to be true. I linked my bank account to their portal and transferred the money to my wallet to make investments. I transferred about Rs 1 lakh. They kept insisting that I invest more. I felt suspicious and tried to withdraw the money. Soon, I realised that it was a scam and filed a complaint with the CEN police," he said.

Venkat, a resident of Malleswaram, said

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 It's fitness time with Milind Soman

Evergreen Club, India's largest community for older adults, is hosting its First Anniversary Celebrations with supermodel, actor and fitness icon Milind Soman and his mother Mrs Usha Soman. The celebrity guests will join Evergreen Club live to interact with the members on their favourite topic: health and fitness! The mother-son duo will not only encourage Evergreen Club members to adopt healthy lifestyle practices, but also indulge in entertaining activities to make it a memorable evening for them. **When: Jan 8 and 15, 7 pm – 8 pm; Register: https://bit.ly/3HJ6FII**

02 Looking back, looking ahead

The best gift you can give yourself at the start of the new year – sing up for this two-hour visual journaling workshop, where you can pause and reflect on the year that was. Visual Journaling is simply a form of reflection using writing and images. Basic art supplies will be provided. Feel free to bring any favourites that you may have. If you have a journal that you'd like to use, bring that too. Show up with loads of curiosity, and intention to reflect, and leave perfection at the door!
Where: Bangalore Creative Circus, Yeswanthpur Industrial Suburb; When: Jan 8, 11am – 1pm Tickets: Rs 1,300, linktr.ee/blrcreativecircus Contact: 7838640675

03 Stories of the Land

C KYNKYNY.com's latest virtual exhibition, 'Stories of the Land', celebrates the sublime sights, sounds and landscapes of rural India, meandering through tranquil hamlets, lush green fields and the lively markets and temples in the countryside. Featuring two prominent and well-loved contemporary artists, Mohan Naik and Sivabalan, the richly expressive artworks are an ode to the lesser-seen and known rural worlds of Goa and Tamil Nadu. The exhibition documents and celebrates the incandescent natural beauty as well as the rich culture, traditions and everyday sights in the region's villages and towns.
Where: KYNKYNY.com; When: Till Jan 31

Bengalureans, there's some NICE news for you

Toll booths lining NICE Road junctions are now FASTag-enabled; commuters can now bid goodbye to inconvenient cash payments and long queues

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The FASTag facility is a welcome move during the pandemic as it will ensure social distancing

The never-ending traffic jams at NICE Road junctions may be a thing of the past, soon. After a long delay, the junctions are now equipped with FASTag so all FASTag users can opt for digital payment. The services were formally launched on Friday and will be applicable to vehicle users from Saturday.

Since the adoption of FASTag, the usage of services has gone up multifold. However, all commuters who were shifting from highways to NICE Road were getting stuck at the NICE road toll plaza.

"There have been times where I was stuck for almost 15-20 minutes at the toll plaza at NICE junction. As the toll amount is not rounded off, we need to wait to give or get change. This delayed the movement of vehicles," said Nandeesh S, a regular user.

The Indian Highway Management Company Limited (IHMCL), NHAI-New Delhi, had recently approved of extending the services of FASTag at NICE Toll Plazas recently. With this approval, the commuters on the NICE Road can avail FASTag services which will ensure seamless movement of traffic on the NICE Road. The FASTag facility at NICE Road is introduced as a part of National Electronic Toll Collection (NETC) programme.

Mohit Kumar, another regular user, said: "I cross the NICE road stretch between Tumakuru and Magadi Road in eight to nine minutes but had to wait for 13 minutes just to cross the toll plaza. I am now hopeful for a swift movement."

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Ashok Kheny, Managing Director of NICE road said: "The FASTag facility at NICE Toll Road was delayed as the road was not part of the NHAI FASTag scheme and the related rules had to be changed to be applicable for NICE Toll Road."

Currently, there are 140 toll lanes mapped unde 15 toll plazas in the southern periphery of Bengaluru. "The FASTag facility at NICE Road will minimise transaction time at toll booths and will also help to ensure maximum social distancing to avoid spreading of the pandemic," added a NICE spokesperson.

Criminal minds: Don't lose your temper

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An analysis of murders in 2021 in the city shows that 70 per cent of murder motives were due to sudden provocation, domestic quarrels and personal enmity.

The city police have categorised the motives behind 156 murders in the city in 2021. Out of them, 12 murders were by rival rowdy gangs, while 22 were killed due to illicit relationships and eight were murdered for personal gains.

In the last three years, however, statistics point out that the number of murders reduced: 205 in 2019 went down to 177 in 2020. But on the flip side, dowry-related murders have increased from two in 2019 to one in 2020 and increased to four in the last year.

There were 10,458 criminal incidents reported across police stations in Bengaluru in 2019. This reduced to 7,449 in 2020 -- majorly due to the outbreak of Covid and subsequent lockdowns. However, last year, it picked up marginally with the city reporting 7,953 criminal incidents. On the other hand, detection rate decreased to 34 per cent in 2021 as against 46 per cent in 2020 and 44.7 per cent in 2019.

Among criminal acts, majority are thefts. Among thefts, motor vehicle thefts have increased in 2021 (4,126) compared to the 2020 (3,797). However, out of the 4,126 vehicles lost, only 915 could be recovered.

Among other thefts, 179 incidents were reported by servants. There were 590 house thefts reported in 2020 out of which, only 185 could be resolved. Night House Break-in and Theft (HBT) were more (653) compared to thefts during the day (135), while chain snatchings also increased (165).

The dacoity cases also seem to be increasing to pre-Covid levels. In 2019, 39 cases were reported which decreased to 30 in 2020 but has again spiked to 35 in 2021. The only saving grace is that out of the 35 cases reported last year, 34 were resolved. The West division reported the maximum cyber-crimes in the city last year. A total of 6,423 cases were reported last year out of which 787 were resolved. The maximum number of cyber-crime cases were reported from West (1,148) followed by South (943), Whitefield (869) and North-east (832).

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KRDCL finally floats tenders for 12 high-density corridors

Project is divided into four packages and includes improvement, maintenance works on major roads like Old Airport Road, Hosur Road and Outer Ring Road

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A file picture of traffic on ORR. It is believed the work will benefit easy movement of vehicles

Karnataka Road Development Corporation Limited (KRDCL) has floated tenders to upgrade and maintain 12 high-density corridors in the city. The 12 corridors have been divided into four packages. The first package includes Old Bellary Road, Old Madras Road (OMR), and a stretch on Outer Ring Road (ORR) from Goraguntepalya to OMR. The second package includes Old Airport Road, Sarjapur Road, stretch between ORR and KR Puram until Central Silk Board (CSB). The third package incluses Hosur Road, Bannerghatta Road, Kanakapura Road and ORR from CSB to Mysuru Road. The fourth package includes Mysuru Road, Magadi Road, Tumakuru Road, West of Chord Road and ORR from Mysuru Road to Goraguntepalya. The package specifies improvement and maintenance.

For the first package, the tender specifies that the improvement will be for 18.17 km and maintenance for 32.7 km at a cost of Rs 153.81 crore. For the second package, it specifies 15.22 km for improvement and 25.9 km for maintenance at a cost of Rs 92.89 crore.

In the third package, 18.35 km will be taken up for improvement and 33.2 km will be taken up for maintenance for Rs 130.82 crore. In the fourth package, 19.31 km will be taken up for improvement and 54.6 km will be taken up for maintenance for a sum of Rs 216.86 crore.

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High on maintenance
Though state govt has approved tenders submitted by KRDCL for work on 12 high density corridors, it has kept on hold maintenance component of project
On August 20, Bangalore Mirror reported that the state government had approved tenders for this project but had kept its maintenance component on hold

The initial improvement period is nine months from the time the tender is awrded and maintenance will be taken up for five years. Although the state government had approved tenders submitted by KRDCL for work on 12 high density corridors earlier, the maintenance component of the project was kept on hold.

As the state's resources had taken a hit, the government was in two minds regarding spending as much as Rs 594.32 crore towards maintaining 12 high density corridors, totalling around 191 km.

Initially, approving the tenders submitted by the KRDCL, the state government had only approved the undertaking of the initial improvement work on these roads and kept on the maintenance component of the project on hold for consideration. Now, finally, the maintenance has also been approved for the tendering process.

The 12 roads, which were maintained by Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), were handed over to KRDCL as the municipal corporation was not able to pay attention to these roads despite these corridors carrying a majority of city's traffic. The plan raised several eyebrows as KRDCL's maintenance cost was several times higher than the initial works had cost. Some also termed it as a sham and said it was preposterous.

KRDCL had floated tenders and sent the file to the government for approval. When BS Yediyurappa was the chief minister, he reportedly directed officers to take up only the initial improvement work and drop the maintenance component. Due to the confusion, it's learnt that KRDCL did not issue work orders to three contractors, who won different packages for the project. When these roads were under the civic body's care the Palike was spending Rs 50 crore each year to maintain these roads. Proponents of the project, however, state that providing a good quality road and maintenance comes at a cost.

"We all expect our roads to be of world class but question when large investments are made for it. About 80 per cent of the traffic uses these 12 high density corridors. These roads must be given extra attention," a transport expert said.

Some of the works proposed under the maintenance component of the project include: routine maintenance, road surveillance, footpath management, replacements and management of all road safety and furniture like, road markings, sign boards, and junction safety measures, street lighting and sweeping.

Beware of crypto scammers

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last week his mobile number was added to the so-called BTC group. People started to message in the group about investments and high returns.

"I am not interested in cryptocurrencies and have not signed up anywhere to get updates. I do not know how they got my contact number or how they added me to the group.

A lot of people started to message in the group saying they were interested, and many shared their personal experience of getting high returns in their recent investments. I did not want to engage and exited the group.

However, they kept adding me to more such groups to convince me to invest. Many fall for it and even lose money. I tried to contact the police; they informed me they would only register the complaint if I had lost money," he said.

Cyber crime police said citizens should avoid sharing mobile phone numbers at malls, super markets, lucky dips and other places where it is not necessary. "Mobile numbers can be easily leaked through third parties to cybercrooks who misuse them to make calls and cheat unsuspecting individuals.

In cryptocurrency scams, they tend to create WhatsApp groups and add random people to lure them, by giving best reviews. In some cases, they even ask people to create videos after initially offering some 'profit', asking them to refer others and invest again to scam them. Many people who are not aware of how cryptocurrency trading works, end up getting scammed," he said.
(*name changed)

Goods train derailed

The wagon of an empty goods train got derailed between the Nayandahalli - KSR Bengaluru Railway Station, and was stopped at the home signal of KSR Bengaluru Station at about 3.10 PM on Friday. No casualties were reported.

Only the UP line was affected, but the movement of trains was ensured by a temporary single line working on a double line. The trains running from Nayandahalli towards KSR Bengaluru experienced minor delays, as they were operated through the Down line.

There was no injury to any person including railway staff. Finally, the divisional authorities ensured the re-railment of the derailed wagon at 5.34 pm. The UP line was restored for normal train services. The track was examined and declared undamaged. — BMB

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Storage issues

Ganganagar

Folks have been dumping construction materials on roads, here.

Black spot

St Mark's Road

This road, otherwise flawlessly beautiful, features one black spot that must be fixed.

Makeover time

Joseph Layout

This road could use a makeover; its asphalt is cracking and the path is bumpy due to the damage.

Weekend curfew: Chapter 2022 begins

All but essential services suspended; travellers, hospital goers have to carry relevant documents

Leaving amid lockdown fear

Ahead of weekend curfew, bus stands and railway stations saw a huge rush on Friday as thousands were on their way to leave for their hometowns. The scene was similar to that of lockdowns imposed during the first two waves of the pandemic, when guest workers were leaving the city in swarms. Many fear that lockdowns will be reimposed and they will lose jobs. Hence, they wanted to leave the city for a while.There was a section of people who wanted to head to villages as cases were rising in Bengaluru.

Law firms can function

The rules were relaxed on Friday where the offices of advocates, lawyers, law firms are permitted to function with 50 per cent of their strength during weekends, strictly adhering to covid-appropriate behaviour. "The movement of advocates, lawyers and their staffers is permitted only if they produce valid ID cards issued by their respective offices," a circular released by the state government stated.

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Before weekend curfew, many throng Majestic Bus Stand to leave Bengaluru; KG Road sees heavy traffic congestion with many approaching Majestic to catch buses and trains

The first weekend curfew of the third wave began in the city with the police putting up barricades across all roads. Till 5 am on Monday morning, people are barred from entering roads unless for essential purposes. The city police chief has already ruled out issuing any special passes to the citizens. For the next two days, the police will be deployed at major junctions where the police will keep a check on any unnecessary movement. The health experts have said that the weekend curfew was necessary as it prevents unnecessary crowding or travelling. For the last few weeks, there has been heavy rush at public and tourist spots as people have been travelling for weekends. Now, with the weekend curfew, there will be a big break on this.

However, the traders have opposed the move. Trade Activist Sajjan Raj Mehta said, "Around 60 per cent of retail sales happens on weekends and the 40 per cent takes place between Monday and Friday. The state government should consider it before imposing any lockdown."

Manoj Singh, cluster director - Karnataka, Nexus Malls, told Mirror, "Though we appreciate the efforts to curb the spread of the virus, we urge the government to reconsider their decision on the weekend lockdowns. As malls not operating on weekends would mean losing 50 per cent of our business. We are already seeing footfalls dip by around 15-25 per cent. Malls are by far the most controlled and safe shopping experience that individuals can get. During the course of the pandemic, we have worked with the local authorities to ensure that SOPs are followed. The mall industry has been among the last to be allowed to reopen as a part of the unlock phases thus far. This has had a significant impact on our businesses over the last 18 months. We had barely started stabilising our businesses, and these restrictions will create big dents in our sustenance. Weekend lockdowns might also result in job losses, in order to sustain."

Lockdown not a remedy: Minister

While Revenue Minister R Ashoka and Home Minister Araga Jnanedra have repeatedly warned of lockdowns if the cases don't subside, Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar sang a different tune on Friday. He said that lockdown was no more a remedy. "As of now, it is not even in consideration before the government," he added.

"Malls not operating on weekends would mean we losing 50 per cent of our business. We are already seeing footfalls dip by around 15-25%

–Manoj Singh, Nexus Malls

No liquor sale during curfew

Excise Minister K Gopalaiah said that sale of liquor will be suspended during the weekend curfew. "As there is a spike in cases in the state, especially in Bengaluru, it has been decided not to open liquor shops."

No venturing out: Pant

Bengaluru police commissioner Kamal Pant appealed to people not to venture out unnecessarily. He said only a set of activities is permitted including essential and medical services. "People going to the hospital have to carry supporting documents. Those travelling should also possess tickets and related papers," he said. Pant warned that those violating the covid-19 norms will face action under the Natural Disaster Management Act.

Offline classes for VTU colleges

Following protests from colleges after the government announced that only online classes will be allowed, it has been decided that in Bengaluru urban district, physical classes in institutes affiliated to Visvesvaraya Technological University be permitted to function, strictly adhering to covid-appropriate behaviour.

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Sewage salvage at Sowlkere

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The results are encouraging. "We deployed the filter bed at Sowlkere Lake, a part of the Bellandur Lake network. The system was effective in removing pollutants like dissolved nitrogen, dissolved phosphorus and organic matter, meeting the discharge standards set by CPCB," said Priyanka Jamwal, fellow, Centre for Environment and Development, ATREE.

The team of researchers conducted a lab test before putting the system through a real-life experiment. "We tested three types of low-cost material — cinder, gravel and terracotta rubble in the lab. However, lab-based studies can only help in understanding the processes. To verify if our lab test results are applicable in a real-life scenario, we deployed the system in a stormwater drain of Sowlkere," Jamwal told Bangalore Mirror.

The team intercepted a flow from one of the stormwater drains carrying wastewater to Sowlkere and diverted it to the filtering system. Water samples were collected at the inlet and outlet. The treated water sample was found to be low on dissolved nitrogen and phosphorus, and organic matter.

Dissolved phosphorus and nitrogen can lead to eutrophication (nutrient enrichment) of lakes, turning them green due to overgrowth of algae. When organic content in wastewater enters lakes, oxygen level drops due to microbial activity resulting in death of fish and stench. If not removed well within time, organic matter builds up in the waterbody, leading to a Bellandur-like situation — the waterbody catching fire due to the methane gas generated by the organic particulate matter.

While the 'gravel-terracotta rubble filter system' can work well in addition to the centralised wastewater treatment systems, it can be used to treat the untreated excess wastewater that is currently entering the lakes in Bengaluru.

The system can also be used at a very decentralised level like households, for treatment and reuse of greywater. "This system can be dispersed at city scale as well. Landscape architecture can embed this system at the planning stage so that greywater treatment happens at the origin itself as the water moves into the stormwater drain. Imagine having a number of these systems inside the stormwater drains near the lakes, especially at the hotspots. The point is to have a policy around this system," added Jamwal.

According to the researchers, a network of this system at the catchment scale can take care of contaminants entering the lakes. Although, they caution that a careful modelling approach on how the system works in isolation is required to install this system as a network around a waterbody. A mathematical model can then be used to estimate the number of such systems required in any catchment to ensure that the water entering the lake meets the discharge standards.

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Lake of fire

Jaraganahalli-Yelachenahalli Lake area turns fiery after garbage burning

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A fire broke out at the Jaraganahalli-Yelachenahalli Lake area on Kanakapura Road on Thursday around 10 pm, after some miscreants tried to set a mound of garbage alight.

Fire department personnel from the Banashankari Fire Station rushed to the spot and struggled for over 30 minutes before they could douse the flames. The fire is now said to be under control.

Jeraganahalli-Yelachanahalli are adjacent lake systems that have now been encroached on by private parties, say residents. All that remains of this four-acre waterbody that supported a myriad of biodiversity just two decades ago, is plain land with truckloads of dumped garbage. According to the residents, it consists of construction and demolition waste, household garbage, industrial and abattoir waste. "The lake does not exist anymore. It is a playground cum garbage dump yard for the past five to six years," says Abdul Aleem, president, Change Makers of Kanakapura Road, a consortium of 80 resident welfare associations in the area.

Documents assessed by BM reveal that multiple petitions have been filed with the High Court over the past few years for revival of the waterbody. According to a court order dated August 14, 2019, in response to a petition filed by the Environment Support Group (ESG), a clear direction was given to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) to come up with ways to restore the Jaraganahalli-Yelachenahalli lake. But, the civic agency is yet to take any measures to restore the lake. "The court order of 2019 instructed the DC to look into this issue and file a compliance report. But no reports have been filed yet. No revival measures have been taken by BBMP. We are planning to file a fresh PIL soon," said Abdul, who has been working with ESG to put the lake back on the map.

> **"We will revive it as soon as possible. In the last few months, we have cleared 172 lakes of all encroachments and 250 acres of lake land was reclaimed**
> — J Manjunath, deputy commissioner, Bengaluru Urban District

According to Malvika Kaushik, assistant coordinator (legal), ESG, BBMP has not followed up with their statement in the court after the court order in 2019, following which, ESG made another submission to the court in July 2021 summarizing the situation.

When this correspondent reached out to a BBMP officer, he said on the condition of anonymity, "This area is under litigation. Moreover, we need around 20-30 compactors to clean the space. I do not have permission from my seniors to go ahead with any work here."

The swift blow: Beyond the 1st wave peak

Govt now mulls green passes for fully vaccinated citizens

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More people are turning up to get vaccinated and tested in the city

Bengaluru breached a dubious record by overtaking the first wave peak on Friday. The city reported 6,812 new cases (up from 4,324 on Thursday) crossing the first wave peak number (5,030). Surprisingly, the first wave peaked on July 23, 2020, when the first case in the city was reported on March 8, 2020. But, the third wave is so swift that thought the cases started spiking only post-December, we have crossed the first wave peak in a matter of days. Now, experts are saying that at this rate, the city may breach the second wave (25,000-plus cases) very soon.

The State Government is now mulling to issue green passes for identification of fully vaccinated citizens. After holding a meeting of officials, Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dr K Sudhakar said responsibilities have been allocated to officials and instructions have been given to ensure coordination between departments. "The World Health Organisation (WHO) has said that Omicron is the fastest spreading variant. Though Omicron is not as severe as Delta, it cannot be said to be mild. Those who are fully vaccinated may not get severe infection. So everyone should get two doses. Currently, more than 29 crore are infected with covid globally. From December 27 to January 2, the infection has increased by 79 per cent. About 109 countries have not vaccinated even 70 per cent. If we look at the hospitalisation data, 80 per cent of the cases in ICU were not vaccinated. WHO has requested India to export vaccines to other countries. No country is safe until every country is safe," Dr Sudhakar added.

Strict rules in state

More than 99 per cent of beneficiaries eligible in Karnataka have received the first dose of vaccine while 80 per cent have got both the doses. The minister said that there will be strict surveillance on travellers coming from other countries and states at railway stations, bus stations and airports. He also instructed mandatory physical or tele-triaging of infected to assess the requirement of hospitalisation and around 10,000 medical and nursing students to be roped in for this. "There should be a uniform treatment protocol, discharge policy and quarantine guidelines which will be released soon. We are planning to rope in celebrities to create awareness campaigns on vaccination and covid appropriate behaviour," he added.

Preventive doses from January 10

The booster dose or preventive doses for the 60-plus and health care workers will begin from January 10. According to the guidelines those who have got the second dose 39 weeks ago will be eligible for the third dose. As the Centre has ruled out mixing of vaccines, those who had taken the first two doses will have to take the booster dose also of the same vaccine.

107 Omicron cases in Karnataka

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Health Minister K Sudhakar said on Friday that with 107 new Omicron cases, the overall tally in Karnataka has gone up to 333. "The infection is not severe among Omicron patients so far. But for those who have not had any dose of the covid vaccination, it could be more severe and even can be fatal. I appeal to the people to get vaccinated to avoid hospitalisation," he said. He warned that Omicron is spreading fast and so Covid-19 cases is spreading more as per was earlier predicted.

6 districts have high positivity rate

The state has a positivity rate of 3.95 per cent. "The infection rate is high but people need not panic about it. Infections tend to go up and then settle," the minister added. Around six districts in the state — Bengaluru Urban, Bengaluru Rural, Mandya, Mysuru, Udupi and Kolar -- are showing high positivity rates. The district administrations are initiating more strict measures, he said.

'Not a single case in ICU'

Meanwhile Karnataka Congress President DK Shivakumar took on the ruling BJP government over disallowing the Padayatra for Mekedatu project citing Covid restrictions, saying none of the ICUs in the city has a single Covid patient. "Where is Covid? We have found out that there is not a single Covid case in ICU of any of the hospitals in Bengaluru and surrounding areas. I have also spoken to former health ministers and our own sources. I will hold a press conference shortly to reveal more details on this," he stated.

Ashoka tests positive

Revenue Minister R Ashoka has tested positive for covid on Friday. He has been admitted to a private hospital as a precautionary measure and is said to be stable. For the last few days, Ashoka has been busy holding meetings with many ministers and officials. He is the second Cabinet minister after BC Nagesh to test positive in the third wave.

Tech honour

The Centre's e-governance initiative has awarded Karnataka's team for use of ICT in Covid-19 management. The team headed by IAS officer Munish Moudgil was congratulated by Dr K Sudhakar. The State's team is credited for tech-driven Covid management which has been considered as a model to the entire country. The team is also credited for developing in-house mobile applications and operating a fully equipped war room.

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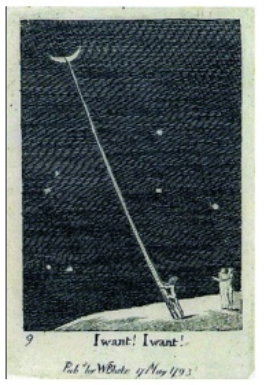
Pandemic generation

The present is a trying time for grown ups — perhaps the most in modern times. The repercussions will no doubt affect the children a great deal. It seems as though, pandemic-stricken, we have 'conveniently forgotten' the welfare of the potential change-makers of the collective's future, amongst many other critical issues that may altogether jeopardise the prospect of Bengaluru coming of age as a global city.

A child is subject to sexual abuse every day in the metropolis, BM reported this week — worsened only by restrictions imposed by the pandemic as children are staying home often since the onset of covid-19, falling prey to those who are known to the family. Now, once again, schools are off. Isolation at home for over two years may have changed the youngsters' world beyond recognition already. We have to take note of this fact, act now and not deny them the joy of school, where much of a child's character formation takes place for good. Or at the least suggest suitable alternatives.



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On the one side, teenagers are queuing up for the only available jab and on the other some are caught in a bind — of vile propaganda playing on their psychological vulnerabilities exacerbated by social echo chambers — harassing women of a community on a tech platform. I mean what kind of a tech platform allows 'auction of muslim women'?

The first arrest was made in Bengaluru in connection with the so-called 'Bulli Bai' episode or whatever that means. How does something like this even have the currency to become news?

In fact, it is worrying that youth in their late teens or perhaps early twenties are the latest followers of the online hate machine belittling what is left of our ethos, one profile at a time. This is surely a sign of the wayward and dangerous direction that has befallen the youth of our emerging economy whilst most of them are deprived of a social, educational and nurturing setting amid a pandemic, immersed in the toxic virtual world hijacked by vested interests — not a good development at all.

Now, good governance means dynamically taking care of the aforementioned, overlooked, challenges for life in a democracy, especially in a city, and more so during a crisis of the scale of covid-19.

Which emerging city in the world does not pay its frontline civic staff regularly, and refuse to even consider their bare necessities in 2022? Those who keep Bengaluru tidy and prim do not have proper restrooms in this day and age. An old proposal for 225 restrooms for the pourakarmikas is still under consideration as BM reported. I mean, this is beyond redemption.

Which city does not respect the pedestrians' right of way in the age of active mobility. BM published a story about the importance of continuous stretches for walkers across the city as envisaged in the draft mobility bill by the Directorate of Urban Land Transport.

It seems as though our lawmakers and the opposition have no interest whatsoever in any of the aforementioned issues, that they find plenty of time to brawl, short of coming to blows, as happened at an event to commemorate Dr BR Ambedkar.

If base politicking is the only thing left to do for our elected representatives, who shall do the administrative bit?

For instance, Satya Pal Malik, the Meghalaya governor, strangely reminisced about his recent meeting with the Prime Minister — "seemingly arrogant, 'did they die for me?', retorted Modi to Malik who told the PM about the deaths of protesting farmers. The sudden revelation has left political pundits in a bit of an intrigue, doesn't it?

Sorry to have digressed a bit. Then, there is the prevailing confusion among parents about the expired vials of Covaxin administered to children in the city, the only vaccine available for teenagers. Natural questions arise: why just a vaccine? And of course, the extended usage of the expired vials: the imposition appears to be a bit of a stretch when there are no other vaccines available, though there are assurances about efficacy, relabelling, and all that. If there were indeed other options, would you have relabelled at the least, and then administered?

Just the other day, BM reported about the lack of counselling facilities in the city and state for children, especially the underprivileged, who are increasingly addicted to tech, smoking, alcohol and substance abuse — perhaps our politicos can spare some time to the aforementioned issues in earnest and kind.

In recent history, it is the worst of times for children growing up. Educational, mental and social connections are cut off in an ever worsening societal milieu and rising tech addiction — one hopes, at a later stage, as a collective, we would not have to look back and regret collective inaction.

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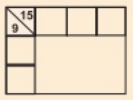
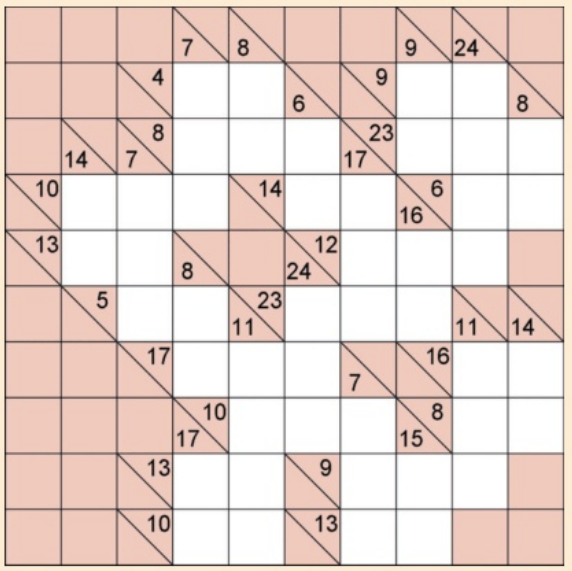
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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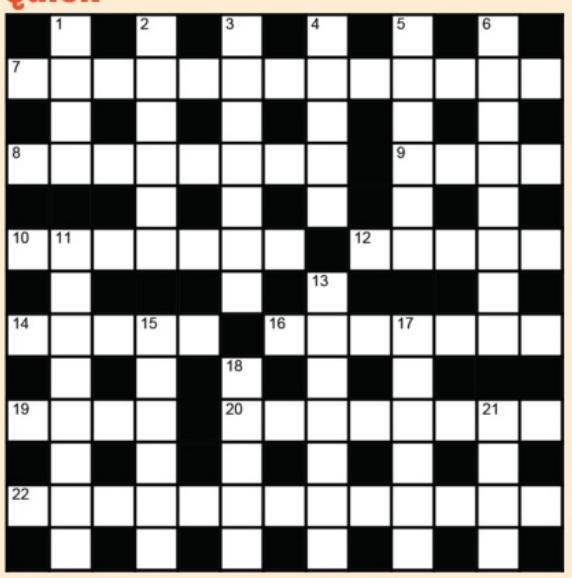


ACROSS

7 Doctor skilled in identifying symptoms (13)
8 Not mandatory (8)
9 Search carefully (4)
10 Exacted revenge (3,4)
12 New ___ : our capital? (5)
14 Wash out soap (5)
16 Caskets (7)
19 An attempt (1,3)
20 Despite the fact that, notwithstanding (8)
22 A fairy tale beginning ? (4,4,1,4)

DOWN

1 Speak with an impediment (4)
2 Set alight (6)
3 Injured (7)
4 Slanted (5)
5 A frozen taper (6)
6 Our former PM Dr __ Singh (8)
11 Leaving out or excluding (8)
13 Treasure (7)
15 Modes; fashions (6)
17 Does not sink? (6)
18 Beach near Udupi (5)
21 They hold our teeth in their place? (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: Z EQUALS H

ZM DZX GNQN KN G VXXJ VXY VKEM AKBRLMN, PRL ZM DZX OXMN BXL GNQ YMAGKBN G VXXJ VXYMEMY.

Linemaro

Time becomes non-existent when I'm with you

Mindchow

You are old if you never get the urge to throw a snowball

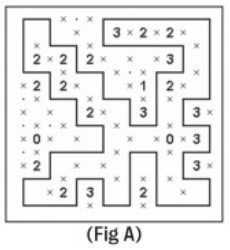
Joke of the day

A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class, because it was a weapon of math disruption

Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



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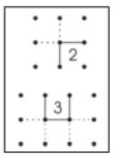


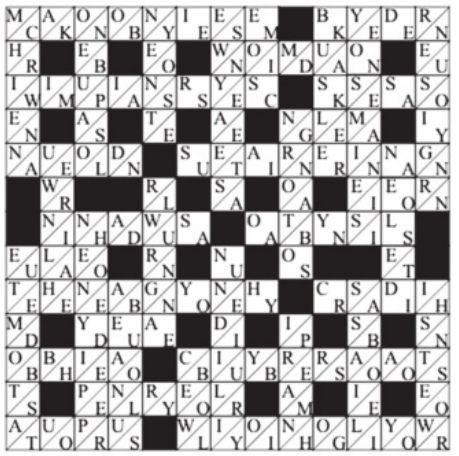
(Fig B) Not Allowed

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

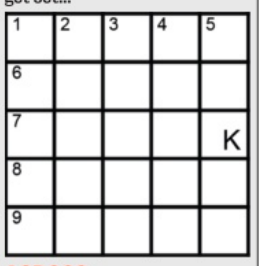
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Labor; 6 A taro; 7 Hooks; 8 Seen I; 9 Le did

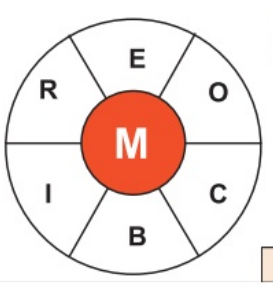
DOWN

1 Sails; 2 Hoe do; 3 Lib or; 4 Notae; 5 Drake

Mensapuzzle

Which number replaces the question mark and completes the puzzle?

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

07 Average; **08** Good; **10** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

		7				3		
1				2				7
3	2		5		1		9	6
	5		6		7		1	
2								4
	3		2		8		6	
6	1		4		9		7	8
9				8				3
		5				6		

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 10
4 6 8 8

Medium = 3
1 2 4 6

Hard = 16
4 6 9 4

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Sign is moved. 2. Stripe is added to sleeve. 3. Arm is moved. 4. Tree is moved. 5. Football is different. 6. Cap is turned around.

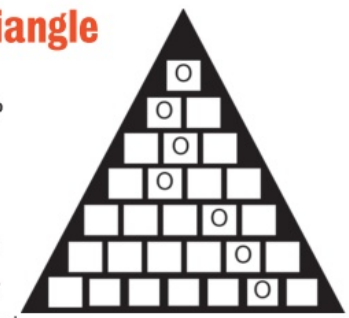
Riddler

For each of the pairs of words below, insert a word in the blank space between them to form two separate words such that the inserted word finishes the first word and begins the second.

BOW ____ AGE GENE ____ KING LAND ____ GOAT
DIG ____ SELF PAR ____ ATE

Alpha triangle

1 Circular letter
2 Not off
3 "My" in French ?
4 Standard
5 Estate
6 Head nurse
7 Crosspiece



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

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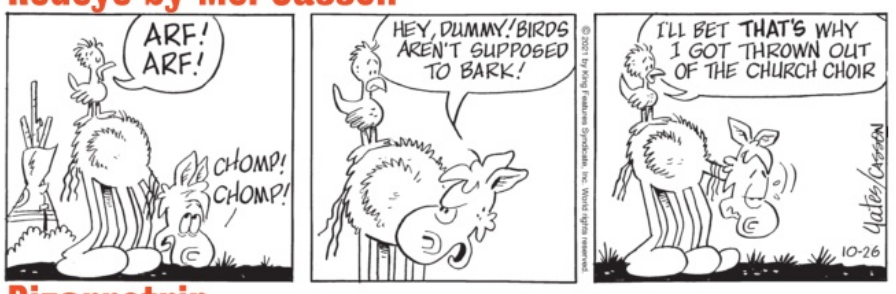

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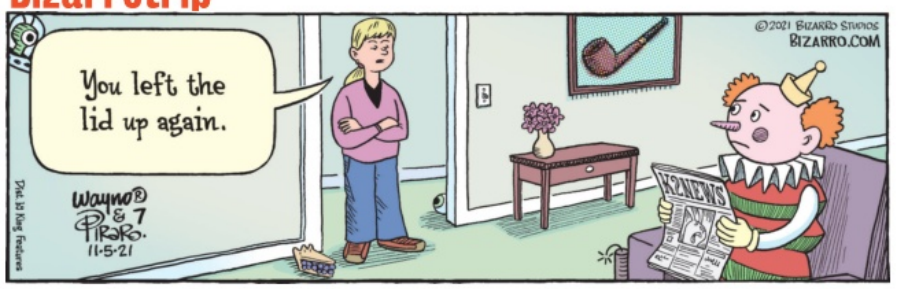

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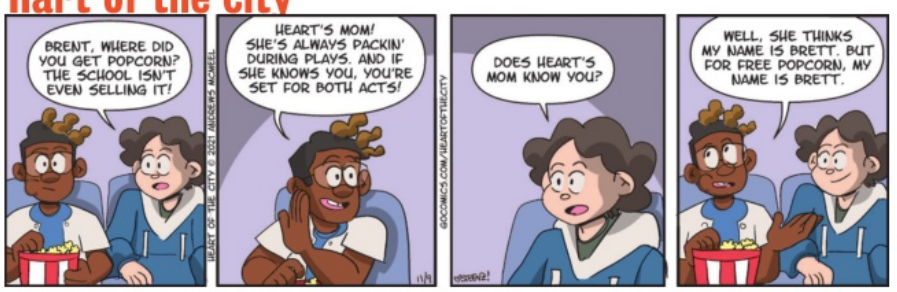
BRENT, WHERE DID YOU GET POPCORN? THE SCHOOL ISN'T EVEN SELLING IT!
HEART'S MOM! SHE'S ALWAYS PACKIN' DURING PLAYS. AND IF SHE KNOWS YOU, YOU'RE SET FOR BOTH ACTS!
DOES HEART'S MOM KNOW YOU?
WELL, SHE THINKS MY NAME IS BRETT. BUT FOR FREE POPCORN, MY NAME IS BRETT.

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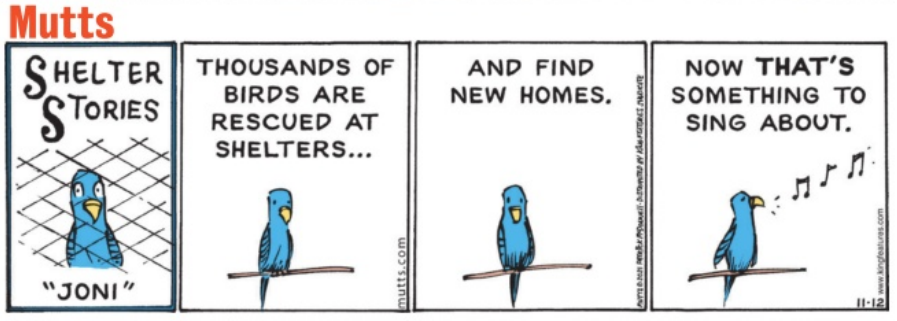
Mutts



WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you will expect some big order from a new client which will increase your liquidity in the business. You are likely to meet an influential person who may help you to grow your business. Your bonding with the boss may become strong; you may expect some promotions because of hard work. Your prestige may increase now.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you will be blessed by your elders which may give you patience. You are likely to be happy and calm. You may plan to visit some spiritual place for seeking peace of mind. You may also donate some amount to a spiritual place for development. There may be some chances for overseas travel.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you may feel dull, you may also have some health issues, which is likely to affect your day-to-day work. You may find yourself under mysterious fear, which may make you sensitive and emotional. You are advised to avoid rash driving and adventure tours. You will also be attracted towards the occult. You are advised to visit some religious place; chanting mantras or prayers will also give you some relief.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may enjoy time with your family. You may spend some romantic moments with the spouse which may boost understanding with your spouse. You are likely to spend money in buying some artefacts or household stuff to renovate your house. You may enjoy parties and events. You are advised to read documents carefully before making any investments in fixed assets.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you may feel happy and energetic; you may explore and analyse yourself, which may give you confidence and you are likely to be able to face any type of challenge, which may make you fearless and courageous. You are advised to be patient while taking some financial decisions for business. Lovebirds may enjoy their happy moments.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today is a good day for you; your enthusiasm may be high; you need to regulate it. Self-analysis may help you to get confidence, which may increase your prestige in the society. You will resolve many problems with the help of communication skills. Investors are advised to avoid speculation before making investments. You may also plan for higher studies for a good career.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today. you may not able to enjoy your work life as well as family life. You are advised to avoid arrogance and ego with your spouse otherwise it may affect your emotional bonding. Problems in partnerships are likely to be resolved. Singles are advised to avoid hurrying before making decisions related to marriage. With patience, you may come out from a messy situation.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you may be able to implement business plans successfully with support of your subordinates. You may be involved in some social or family get-togethers, which may boost your network. You are likely to go for short business-related travels, which may give you benefits in the near future.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today is a good day; your financial health is likely to be good. You may get benefits from your past investments. You may control your spending on worthless stuff, which may boost your savings. Lovebirds are advised to be polite in the conversation with the partner, otherwise there may be some conflicts between them.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you may be busy in issues related to siblings and relatives. You may plan to start some new venture with the help of your siblings and network. You are likely to get an order, which may increase your family business. Your network may help you to complete your task successfully. There may be some smart gains after a little effort.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today is not a good day for you. You may be a victim of negative thoughts. You may be impatient. Your arrogance may push you back from taking difficult decisions. Your life seems to have stopped somewhere. You may be in need of blessings from your elders which is likely to help you to come back from the messy situation. You should avoid investments in dead assets. Lovebirds shall avoid discussing worthless topics.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, during the starting of the day, you may not be focused towards your work, but with the help of elder's blessings, you may be able to control this messy situation. You may easily find the resources which might be important for completion of the project. Your sources of income are likely to increase, your losses may convert into profits which may boost your financial health.

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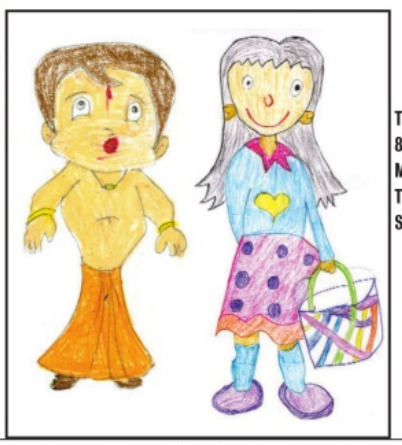

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SOLUTIONS

QUOTE UNCODE
He who asks is a fool for five minutes, but he who does not ask remains a fool forever.

RIDDLER
LINE (bowline, lineage), TIC (genetic, tickling), SCAPE (landscape, scapegoat), IT (digit, itself), ROT (parrot, rotate) or DON (pardon, donate)

BULL'S EYE
brim, comb, come, comer, crime, emir, mire, more

FAST FIVE

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MENSA PUZZLE
10. In each star diagram, the number in the centre equals the sum of the top three numbers, subtracting the sum of the bottom two numbers.

SOLVE IN 1M
15-3-5-(18-2)
15-3-5(9)
45/5(9)
9(9) = 81

ALPHA TRIANGLE
0, On, Mon, Norm, Manor, Matron, Transom.

GO FIGURE
Easy
8 - 8 + 4 + 6 = 10
Medium
6 - 4 - 1 + 2 = 3
Hard
4 / 4 + 6 + 9 = 16

LOOP

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Sidney Poitier, first Black actor to win best actor Academy Award, dies at 94

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Entertainment Industry Promotion

Persona

They don't look their part, but they can sure play it

Some stories are so inspiring that they just need to be told and sometimes only some actors can land the role whether they look the part or not. We look at a few recent biopics where the actors gave their all to the role, without having a resemblance to the personality they were playing.

Chakda 'Xpress
Anushka Sharma announced her comeback with the film Chakda 'Xpress, based on the life of Indian cricketer, Jhulan Goswami. While fans are happy to have her back on the screen again, many could not look past the mismatch in skin tone and height.

Shershaah
Looking like Captain Vikram Batra was not on the memo for actor Sidharth Malhotra, but nailing his act as the war hero was.
Shershaah went on to become one of the biggest OTT releases of 2021.

Gunjan Saxena: The Kargil Girl
Janhvi Kapoor didn't look much like war hero Gunjan Saxena, but the star was commended for her work on the biopic that also happened to be her first in the genre.

Thalaivii
Kangana Ranaut went the extra mile to get into the skin of late Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Jayalalithaa for Thalaivii. And you have got to commend the makeup team for at least trying to make them look similar.

Saina
Parineeti Chopra may not have looked every bit like Saina Nehwal, but there's no denying that she did her best to nail her performance.

Super 30
No amount of makeup could make Hrithik Roshan look like his character -- mathematician Anand Kumar in the biopic Super 30. But lucky for him, the box office numbers added up to record a phenomenal success.

Padman
Akshay Kumar knew he looked nothing like the real PadMan, Arunachalam Muruganantham, so he said that he wasn't aiming to nail the looks as much as he wanted to inspire everyone with the story.

Haseena Parkar
The audience was not buying Shraddha Kapoor's look as Dawood Ibrahim's sister Haseena Parkar and neither were they buying tickets to catch the biopic.

Mary Kom
Priyanka Chopra went to great lengths to get the perfect boxer's physique for Mary Kom, but there was no denying that the two looked nothing alike.

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The stunning cover girl

Actress Jung Ho-yeon, who debuted with Netflix's original series 'Squid Game,' has become a cover model of Vogue magazine February issue. Jung Ho-yeon is the first Asian model that has been featured solo on the cover page of the US Vogue in 130 years since its first issue.

In an interview with Vogue in the US, Jung Ho-yeon said, "My life has been changed in a month since 'Squid Game' was released." She also said she has been working hard to learn English, train poses and voice, and expand her worldview through various arts and movies.

Regarding Jung Ho-yeon, the Vogue said, "If there is a Korean word to exactly describe Jung Ho-yeon, it is 'yeol-shim,' which means something like diligence." Vogue also added, "To work hard, to put your heart and soul into everything, until it feels as though you might explode." Jung Ho-yeon has been staying in the US since she arrived in the U.S. for the promotion of 'Squid Game' at the end of last year. —ANI

I feel I can now step up: Soha Ali Khan

Soha Ali Khan has found her passion for acting again as the actor says that she now has the time to invest her energies in her work and her debut web series "Kaun Banegi Shikharwati" is a step in that direction.

The "renewed interest" in acting, as Soha puts it, happened after she realised that she can balance her life as a mother and as an actor. "I have a renewed interest in acting... It is possible to be a responsible and involved parent and it's also possible to have a career of your own. And it's very important to do both. And my choice of career has been acting. I really do enjoy it," Khan told PTI in an interview.

Daughter of veteran actor Sharmila Tagore and the late cricketer Mansoor Ali Khan Pataudi, Soha followed her mother and brother Saif Ali Khan's footsteps to make a career in cinema. The 43-year-old actor took a break after her 2018 movie "Saheb, Biwi Aur Gangster 3", following the birth of daughter Inaaya. "After the lockdown, I was happy because I didn't have to make excuses to people who said why aren't you out there? I used to tell them about the lockdown and the online school for my daughter. Then things started to open up again a little bit. Then this show (Kaun Banegi Shikharwati) happened..." Soha said she is well aware that acting is a "time consuming profession". "Kunal has been shooting round the clock and one parent needs to be there. So I have said no to lots of things because I wanted to be there for her. You're constantly striking a balance.

"I decided to have a child I think when I was 38 because I was ready to strike a balance and I was ready to be there for her. But now she's becoming more independent. So I feel like I can now step up. I will start doing more things for myself." —PTI